

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts program offerings

The Rangers at Neal Smith NWR welcome scouts of all ages to participate in badge programs. Each of the Cub Scout programs listed below will be held twice a year, once in fall and once in spring. The programs are typically a Saturday morning (9am-12pm) or a Sunday afternoon (12:30-3:30pm). Boy Scout programs may be scheduled on an as-requested basis. Find out what is scheduled for the current season or request a Boy Scout program by contacting Megan Wandag at 515-994-3400 or megan_wandag@fws.gov.

Badge programs are free of charge, and supplies will be provided unless otherwise noted. Scouts should dress for the weather, as we will be spending time outside. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and/or insect repellent, as needed. You may also bring a lunch and eat at the Prairie Learning Center before or after your program. Contact Megan with questions, or for more detailed information about a specific badge program.

The following badge programs are available:

Cub Scouts

Tigers – Let's Go Outside

Wolf – Birds

Your Living World

Bear – Nature Crafts

Sharing Your World with Wildlife

Webelos – Forester

Naturalist

Boy Scouts

- Bird Study
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Forestry
- Geology
- Indian Lore
- Insect Study
- Mammal Study
- Nature
- Plant Science
- Reptile and Amphibian Study
- Soil and Water Conservation

Boys pursuing their Eagle Scout rank may contact us for opportunities to complete service projects.

In addition to badge programs, scouts may visit the Prairie Learning Center, hike the trails, snowshoe in winter, and participate in special events in pursuit of various other merit badges. A list of special events for the current year is available upon request, or on the Events Calendar on our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/neal_smith. Several events throughout each year include a service component as well. Volunteers are also always welcome at Neal Smith NWR!